

Sample AmeriCorps Week 2011 Governor Proclamation

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WHEREAS service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS each year AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 80,000 citizens across the nation, including approximately [CURRENT NUMBER OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS FROM NATIONAL SERVICE STATE PROFILE] in [STATE], to give back in an intensive way to our communities, our state, and our country through AmeriCorps VISTA, National Civilian Community Corps, and State and National Programs; and

WHEREAS more than 706,000 men and women, including [CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS] from [STATE], have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done for America" since 1994; and

WHEREAS those AmeriCorps members have served more than 860 million hours nationwide, including [CUMULATIVE HOURS OF SERVICE] served by residents from [STATE], helping to improve the lives of our state's most vulnerable citizens, respond to disasters, strengthen education, expand economic opportunity, provide health services, protect the environment and support veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS the [NAME OF STATE COMMISSION] plays a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources should be directed to meet state and local needs; and

WHEREAS AmeriCorps members serve with more than 14,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide; including more than [NUMBER OF AMERICORPS PROGRAM SITES FROM STATE PROFILE] in [STATE], and

WHEREAS AmeriCorps last year recruited and supervised more than 2.6 million community volunteers for the organizations they serve and leveraged more than \$480 million in additional resources, and

WHEREAS residents of [STATE] have earned more than [CUMULATIVE EDUCATION AWARD DOLLARS EARNED] in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or pay back student loans; and

WHEREAS AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week, May14-21, 2011, is an opportune time for the people of [STATE] to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service; thank AmeriCorps' community partners; and bring more Americans into service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, [INSERT NAME], Governor of [STATE], do hereby designate May 14-21, 2011 as AmeriCorps Week in [STATE], and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.